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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Rolling Ridge				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Brink Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Bath <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Fred W. Jones				
STREET AND NUMBER: Brink Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 1st Street SE				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 1-1/2 story, brick structure laid up in common bond with double flush gable end chimneys on either end. The main (south) facade is five bays with a central entrance with a transom light. The windows are 9/6 double hung sash. There are two dormer windows with 6/6 double hung sash. The raking eaves moulding returns into the gable to form an open pediment. The sides of the gables as well as the roof, are slate tiles. Across the front a colonial revival porch has been added.

The rear facade has been altered. The outside dormers have been enlarged, but the central dormer is unchanged. A porch has been added over the three central bays; later it was enclosed as a wing to the house.

The east gable end has a kitchen addition. On the second floor there are two 6/6 double hung sash windows between the stacks.

The few exposed window heads have jack arches one header and one stretcher tall.

Behind the house is a two story bankbarn. The framing is mortised, tenoned, and pegged. It is now sheathed with tongue-and-groove siding.

8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		DATE 4 Sept 74
ORGANIZATION MNCPPC		
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

F. D. Magruder, B. Aug. 1, 1815, D. 6-24-1864. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labor and their works do follow them."

It is reliably stated that Fletcher Magruder's third venture into the sea of matrimony, not long before his death, was only a short time after the death of his second spouse. This time he married Martha Lumsden, who out-lived him a dozen years. One of the distant Magruder cousins was a pallbearer at Martha (Lumsden) Magruder's funeral about 1912, and followed her remains on a long railroad journey to Georgetown to lay them beside her husband buried there.

About 1898 the old plantation which then con-

tained about 200 acres of land was sold by the heirs of Fletcher Magruder to Jacob Oland of Frederick County who brought a large family to Montgomery. Oland was an excellent farmer, and his sons are among the best in the county of their adoption. The father died in 1920, and the sons carried on the home place for the mother.

In 1938 Mrs. Oland sold the farm to Malcolm H. White, of Washington, who is the present owner. She moved into a pleasant new bungalow on the highway near Sunshine. Mr. and Mrs. White left the old stone mansion intact with its memories and built a handsome Colonial type brick house on an elevation above the old house. It has extensive views.

Rolling Ridge

THE unusually picturesque house shown here is located in the western edge of the town of Laytonsville. The type of four-chimney house, very rare in Montgomery County, is quite common in the tidewater area of Maryland. It was built about 1790 by Robert Ober, a prosperous merchant of Georgetown.

Ober was of English descent and married Catharine Tenney, a daughter of Dr. Samuel Tenney, Surgeon General in the Revolutionary War. They had both come from New England and settled on the farm until it passed to the Warfield family. Ober was known to have been an influential and loyal supporter of the United States in the War of 1812.

A daughter of Robert and Catharine was Martha J. Ober, born November, 1809. In 1829 she married Elisha Riggs Griffith who was born in June, 1805. Martha O. Griffith died in 1833, and Elisha Griffith married Elizabeth Gaither who was a daughter of Frederick and Jane (Gartrell) Gaither. A daughter of this last-named couple, Maria G. Gaither, born in 1838, was married in 1860 to Israel Griffith Warfield.

During the Civil War, as Israel G. Warfield, Sr., was needed on the farm, he was allowed to purchase a substitute in the Army, which he did for \$750.

When Israel G. Warfield was four years old his father, Robert Warfield of Howard County,

bought Rolling Ridge Farm in 1836 and moved to Montgomery County. In due time Israel Warfield inherited the farm. Israel and Maria Warfield had nine children. One daughter, Lena, became the wife of Dr. V. H. Dyson who was a life-long resident of the neighborhood and a revered physician. They lived in a home on the farm within the edge of the village of Laytonsville. Another daughter, Elizabeth, married F. C. Webb of Washington. She died in September, 1942.

One of the four sons died before maturity. When the three remaining became of age, their father called them together and announced: "Now that you are grown it is time for you to go out and make your own way in the world. This farm of 250 acres cannot properly support such a large family."

Robert C. Warfield, the oldest, went to Baltimore, learned dentistry, and practiced that profession for forty-seven years in Rockville from 1889 to 1936. Another son, Israel Griffith Warfield, Jr., practiced dentistry for many years in Gaithersburg and died a number of years ago. The third son, Elisha G. Warfield, living at the age of 84, is a retired paint manufacturer in New Jersey.

An interesting incident involves Elisha G. Warfield, the only one living of this large family to tell the tale, which he heard from the lips of

his own mother. A large detachment of Union soldiers was encamped on the farm not far from the house. Elisha was in his crib on the front porch. He was seven months old at the time. His mother was sitting nearby. It was about ten a.m. An officer walked up to the porch, picked up the baby without a word, and quietly walked away with the infant. The mother was apparently too terrified to protest. About noon the officer brought Elisha back, put him in the crib, and explained to the mother, "The boys have been away for so long they are pretty homesick, and a visit from that little babe made them a bit happier." Elisha's father never learned the name of the kind officer who borrowed his small son to give a lift to the morale of the troops.

The Warfields owned the place for nearly seventy years when it was sold to James C. Christopher a year or so after the death of Maria Griffith Warfield in 1903. Collateral relatives of the preceding family, the Christophers, remained until 1933. Shortly after they left, the place with 230 acres of rich land was sold to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Small III.

The bricks in the house have been restored to their original red color, the four chimneys serve ten fireplaces, although a modern heating system has been installed. The interior of the house during the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Small was filled with period antiques,—an antique museum. Old pine floors, panelled doors, original mantels and all the charm of the co-

lonial days, remained in the beautiful interior decorated by Mrs. Small.

The center hall leads to the formal box and flower gardens in the rear. On each side of the hall are two rooms, each with fireplaces. The second floor rooms match those on the first floor.

On the outside the same harmony of arrangement prevails. Mr. Small, of the third generation of master craftsmen in the pleasant art of landscape architecture, added his touch. Box mazes, evergreen hedges, flagstone walks, rock gardens and a "bowling green" add to the delight of visitors to this very attractive farm.

In August 1951 the farm was purchased by Fred W. Jones of Washington, the Smalls having moved to a 1,240 acre estate near Gordonsville, Virginia.



NO. 91 C-7 ROBERT OBER 1790 BRICK

Roseneath

THREE old homes of the well-known Bowie family were located in the Olney neighborhood, the oldest being Roseneath, the two-and-a-half story stone and frame house shown below. The other two are Oatland and Flint Hill, both of frame construction.

Roseneath is located on a cross-county road which connects the Olney-Laytonsville highway with the Norbeck-Redland road. The stone house, covered with cement mortar, was built about 1825-1830, presumably by Washington Bowie I for his son, Thomas Johns Bowie, who was married to Catharine Worthington Davis in 1829.

Washington Bowie I was born at Hermitage in Montgomery County in August, 1776, a son of Allen Bowie, Jr., and Ruth (Cramphin) Bowie. By 1810 he was known as the "Merchant Prince" of Georgetown. He owned ships which plied the seas with cargoes to many foreign ports. He became wealthy enough to build the majestic Bowie mansion on Q Street in Georgetown which today is admired as a monument to his fame and fortune. (See Oatland.)

Because of numerous raids on shipping by French privateers before and during the second war with England in 1812, the Bowie firm suf-



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NAME ROLLING RIDGE

LOCATION Rt 420 LAYTONSVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

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